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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: July 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Recognition of Ms. Kimberly Shook 2017 National Indian Education Association Classroom Teacher of the Year

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister recognizes and commends Kimberly Shook for being named the 2017 Classroom Teacher of the Year by the National Indian Education Association. Ms. Kimberly Shook is a citizen of the Kiowa Tribe and has been teaching for 26 years. She is currently a 4th grade teacher at Sunset Elementary School in Edmond, but has taught in Oklahoma City, Jenks and Owasso.

The national Teacher of the Year award distinguishes an individual who is considered to be an expert in their field of educating American Indian students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) nominated Ms. Kimberly Shook and was announced as the winner at the 48th Annual NIEA National Conference on October 6, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Shook is also a member of the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education.

Attachment Enclosed

Edmond Sun News Release
NIEA Board Meeting June 2017 Acceptance
38th Annual OCIE Conference Recognition

**2017 NIEA Classroom Teacher of the Year:
Citizen of the Kiowa Tribal Nation**



Sunset Elementary 4th grade educator Kimberly Shook, the NIEA 2017 Classroom Teacher of the Year, shows a bag her students will be making. The bags in the photo were made from old dresses of the students' grandmothers, while the ones made by this year's students will be drawn on or beaded depending on the age of the student.

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**NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

6. Committee Reports and Related Board Actions

A. Legislative & Resolutions

The Committee report on file noted and Robert Cook raised the issue of the Native Teacher campaign and a copy of actual resolution will be located; no Board action needed.

B. Convention & Events (C&E) and Convention Planning Committee (CPC)

The Committee report on file noted and Jolene Bowman noted the awardee names below.

Action: Moved by Jolene Bowman, seconded by Robin Buttefield to approve the following C & E recommendations for convention awards; all approved, no opposition or abstentions.

Classroom Teacher of the Year

Kimberly Shook

Community Service Award

Miccosukee Indian School

Elder of the Year Award

Grandma Jennie

Educator of the Year Award

Matthew Remle

Parents of the Year

Daniel and Jeanna Jim

Lifetime Achievement Award & Demmert Award

From CE voted to recommend to the Board to not extend the nomination deadline (of 6/13/2017) and report to the Board the following:

- Demmert – 1 nomination received on time; 2 nominations after the deadline; and
- Lifetime Achievement – 0 nominations received on time; 1 nomination received after the deadline.

Recommend the Board start a list of possible nominees for the Lifetime Achievement award.



Oklahoma Council for Indian Education
38th Annual OCIE Conference

Recognition of OCIE Awards

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education Board of Directors recognizes and commends the recipients of annual OCIE Awards.

Nominations of over 911 high school and collegiate Native American Oklahoma students were accepted for membership in the 2017 Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. Each student maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or above, demonstrated moral character and leadership skills, and participated in Native American cultural and community service activities.

Three scholarships named in honor of outstanding educators and active in the formation of Oklahoma Council for Indian Education organization were awarded.

- Alice Tonemah: Faith Morning Star Wind, Depew High School
- Marlene LeClair/Helen Wright: Kelsie LaPierre, Norman High School
- John Sam Memorial: Gabrielle Budder, Claremore High School

The OCIE Board acknowledges the many contributions of the 2016 Annual OCIE Award recipients. They have shared their wisdom, knowledge, talents, time and hearts with our Native American students. Our honor goes to:

- 2016 OCIE Teacher of the Year: Kimberly Shook, Edmond Schools
- 2016 OCIE Educator of the Year: Dr. Samantha Benn-Duke, Northeastern State University
- 2016 High School Student of the Year: Brandon Cobb, Edmond Schools
- Parent of the Year: Daniel & Jeanna Jim, Edmond Schools
- There was not an OCIE college student of the year

OCIE award winners are automatically nominated for the national awards given by the National Indian Education Association. This year, OCIE had two recipients who were selected to receive an NIEA national award! Congratulations to:

2017 NIEA Teacher of the Year: Kimberly Shook

2017 NIEA Parent of the Year: Daniel & Jeanna Jim

Congratulations to all for their achievements and future accomplishments.

Thank you for representing Oklahoma so well.